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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 9, 2006, setting forth a Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect, without traverse, for further prosecution of the subject application, Group III, which claims are drawn to an electric arc welding apparatus that includes a battery and a switching speed converter coupled to the battery. This elected group includes original claims 44-51.

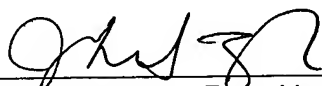
It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for substantive examination. Such examination is therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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